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How to Beat the Heat

As we start to use air conditioners and fans to keep cool this summer, you may be interested in tips to keep your bills down and rebates for using energy efficient appliances.

The California Energy Commission's website offers an Energy Efficiency and Demand Reduction Program which can link you to a wide range of rebates offered by utilities and state agencies to help you cut your electricity use. There are numerous types of rebates, including ones for appliances, air conditioners, house fans, insulation, general residential energy, and much more.

Go to the online rebate database to learn which rebates are available to you.

To access this website, go to <http://www.energy.ca.gov/>. Click on the "California Energy Rebate Database" link to look for available rebates or other incentive programs offered.

Legislature Declares *The Californian* as State's Official Tall Ship

The legislature just passed my bill (AB 965) to designate *The Californian* as California's official tall ship.

The Californian has a long history as California's tall ship ambassador. It was built from the ground up in 1984 at Spanish Landing in San Diego Bay, and has represented California at worldwide celebrations and historic events such as the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics and the centennial celebration of the Statue of Liberty in 1986.

The Californian is not only an historic, goodwill ambassador to the world, but also serves as a valuable educational resource for all Californians. San Diego is proud to feature one of the finest collections of historic ships in the world.

The San Diego Maritime Museum uses *The Californian* extensively to introduce the youth of San Diego to exciting and varied educational and skills-based curriculum. It has enabled students of all ages to develop an appreciation for California's maritime heritage, coastal resources, and rich history. The museum maintains and operates *The Californian* and endeavors to preserve and display California's historic, proud maritime legacy.

The Assembly passed this bill 67-0 and the Senate 37-0. The bill will now go before the Governor for his signature.

For more information on AB 965, go to www.leginfo.ca.gov and search by bill number or author.

To go to the San Diego Maritime Museum's website and learn more about *The Californian* and their fleet of ships, go to <http://www.sdmaritime.com/>.



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California State Auditor's Report

The Bureau of State Audits serves as the citizens' and government watchdog to ensure the effective and efficient administration and management of public funds and programs. It is their job to help make sure that California government stays one step ahead.

As the State's external auditor, they provide independent, nonpartisan, accurate, and timely assessments of the California government's financial and operational activities in compliance with generally accepted government auditing standards. Recently published reports available on the web include:

- **California Department of Transportation:**
Low Cash Balances Threaten the Department's Ability to Promptly Deliver Planned Transportation Projects
- **California Veterans Board:**
Without a Clear Understanding of the Extent of Its Authority, the Board Has Not Created Sufficient Policies Nor Provided Effective Oversight to the Department of Veterans Affairs
- **State Controller's Office:**
Does Not Always Ensure the Safekeeping, Prompt Distribution, and Collection of Unclaimed Property
- **Federal Funds:**
California's Share of Grant Funding Is Close to Its Share of the Population, but State Spending Cuts May Result in Reduced Federal Funds

To access their website, go to
<http://www.bsa.ca.gov/bsa/home/index.html>

Register for the National "Do Not Call" list

The national "Do Not Call" list to stop telemarketing calls will become activated this coming October. You can pre-register and have your name and phone number added now. This service is free.

To pre-register, call 1-888-382-1222 or go to
www.ftc.gov/donotcall

Join me in July

"Mobile Office" – July 12

On Saturday July 12, I'm setting up a "Mobile Office" in Claremont.

My Mobile Office hours will be 10 a.m. –noon. The office will be set up in front of VONS Market at 4725 Claremont Dr., in the Claremont Square Shopping Center at the corner of Claremont Dr. & Claremont Mesa Blvd.

This is a great opportunity for you to come by for a chat and let me know about issues that are important to you.

A CHP officer will also be on hand from 11 a.m. until noon to conduct free safety fingerprinting for children. For more information, call (619) 294-7600.



Celebrate with me at my Pride Parade open house Saturday, July 26

Enjoy refreshments, friends and fun before the San Diego Pride Parade begins. I'm hosting an open house Saturday, July 26 from 10 - 11 a.m. in my district office.



My office is located in Hillcrest's Uptown District, 1010 University, Suite C-207 (in the Ralphs Grocery store plaza) I hope to see you there!

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